

MCA Public Arts Committee, City of Middletown/Municipal Building foyer
Meeting minutes, July 16, 2013

In attendance:

Charlotte McCoid (committee chair), Jenny Hawkins Lecce, Cassandra Day, Joyce Kirkpatrick, Linda Salafia (had to leave early). Also attending: MCA staff Stephan Allison, MCA Commissioner Barbara Arafeh, and Building Superintendent Kelly Robinson.

Charlotte McCoid called the meeting to order at 12 p.m.

1. A decision was reached to affix the Patricia Evans commemorative plaque to the MCA display case. It was agreed to affix the plaque to the case and Mr. Robinson, Building Superintendent, agreed with the work to be done.

2. Updating the MCAAAA nameplates:

The following brass nameplates will need to be made and affixed to the MCAAAA signage. In each case, Chair McCoid and Coordinator Allison will confirm spelling of names prior to placing the orders. (Please know that no one had confirmed spellings when these notes were taken):

2009: Jessica Pandolfe

2010: Joshua Arabas

2011: Jaroslav Kozmina, "WWII-Cockpit, Flying a B-17"

2012: Elizabeth Russo, "My Favorite Books"

2013: Lydia Tonkonow, "Goat and the Vine"

3. Wayne McEwan collage in display case needs some regluing and will be moved to over doorway in Stair Hall (North End of Building) at Main Floor level. Building Superintendent has the notes on this. Back of collage may have title of collage on it.

4. Art and Signage outside the Mayor's Office:

The committee has agreed to pursue switching the current large canvas with an equally large diptych by the same artist currently located on the basement floor. In either case, signage identifying the artist will have to be made and displayed. Allison and McCoid to confirm spelling title and dates after potential exchange has been made. Building Superintendent has the notes on this.

5. Sam Green's "Steps" will be moved to wall sections closer to the Mayor's Office and rehung. Building Superintendent has the notes on this.

6. The latest acquisition, "Taking a Break" by Paul Baldassini will be hung where the "Steps" has been, next to room # 202. Building Superintendent has the notes on this.

7. The donated and freshly framed "Rooster" by Alfred (Allie) E. Blanchard will be hung as marked. Building Superintendent has the notes on this.

8. Update on the Carolyn Reeves grant: McCoid shared that she and MHS art teacher Patrick Shagruet met with Reeves and artists and came away pleased with the level of professionalism of the mural currently underway.

9. Task Lists:

- a. A list of works needing to be secured to the wall, and a partial listing of labels still needing to be made is being compiled by Kirkpatrick (see below).
- b. Hawkins Lecce will contact the mayor regarding a change in the art outside his office.
- c. Allison and McCoid will spell check signage to be made.
- d. Allison will oversee obtaining the labels and seeing that they are affixed, and will also work with Building Superintendent Robinson to see that the art is hung as noted.

10. McCoid adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jenny Hawkins Lecce

Submitted by Joyce Kirkpatrick:

Works of Art to be secured to walls:

Main Floor

Radziwon – Seashore

Adam Wasicki – one of his three – I think it was the Wilcox Island painting.

J Seeley – Summerset 2000.

James White – Gin Rummy

Barbara Beck – Train Station, N. Bennington, VT

Joe Reed – Tulips (at end of hall)

Basement

Sal Costanzo – “Liberty and Justice for All”

Labels needed:

Main Floor

MCAAAAW Award plaque – Awardees 2009 - 2013

Second Floor

Robin Price, 2nd Fl. across from P&Z

Emil Brand, 2nd Floor by Mayor’s Office door (various paintings hung on receding hallway)

“Painting Gallery”, acrylic on canvas, 1982 MCA Purchase.

Basement –

Sal Costanzo – needs label? “Liberty and Justice for All” Bas-relief painting; Gift of the artist’s family.

Pam Fine – batik, 1977 (deep purple batik)